

The following clipping was sent to the Clipper by Ann Glover Wiswell of Topsfield. She is the daughter of the late LeRoy and Blanche Peterson of Duxbury. The clip is from a 1928 newspaper.

NORTH DUXBURY HIT

**Houses Unroofed, Barns Topped,
Roads Blocked After Tornado—
Search Ruins for Injured**

NORTH DUXBURY, July 31—Houses without roofs, barns flattened, roads blocked by uprooted trees and debris of buildings and an excited populace searching through partially ruined dwellings for injured persons were some of the results of a tornado which swept through North Duxbury between 8:30 and 8:45 o'clock tonight.

At a late hour it had not been determined whether anyone had been killed or injured.

One house, an unoccupied one owned by William Baker, was carried a great distance by the strong wind. It had apparently disappeared entirely, no wreckage being about for at least a quarter of a mile.

Thoroughfares from the inland Plymouth road to the South Shore road were blocked by trees and debris, Lawrence F. Lovell, "trouble shooter" for the Plymouth Electric Light Company, reported shortly after 11 o'clock tonight.

At least 25 buildings, including dwellings, barns and cranberry houses, felt the full force of the tornado. Most of the dwellings were moved from their foundations, but lighter structures, such as the barn and cranberry buildings, were literally torn apart or flattened.

The tornado came out of the southwest, cutting a path three miles long through the woodland, and from a half mile to a mile wide, damaging every structure in its path and knocking down trees.

Among the houses which suffered was the home of F. B. Studley in Franklin street, the roof being blown several hundred yards. The barn in the rear was moved off its foundation three feet. The house of W. E. Nickerson at Franklin and Congress streets was damaged and a barn blown up in the

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air. A car in the barn was left standing in its original position by a freak of the storm.

A wooded district adjoining Temple street suffered heavily. Electric light and telephone poles were blown down, and with the trees formed road barriers, which large gangs of men were out laboring to remove at midnight.